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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

The Federation Proposals: The Position of the Oversea Branches.

The Organization Committee on August 4th held a special meeting to consider the resolutions of the Representative Meeting, Newcastle (see Supplement of July 23rd, p. 44), in connexion with the question of federation and the position of the Branches of the Association outside Great Britain. The Committee also had before it a report on the subject from the Committee of the Overseas Conference of July 5th. Dr. S. Morton Mackenzie of Dorking was appointed Chairman of the Committee for the year. Special attention was given to the question of the steps to be taken to meet the needs of the Branches outside Great Britain. Satisfactory progress was made in respect of Minute 81 of the Representative Meeting, Newcastle, as to provision in the Articles and By-laws whereby an Oversea Branch wishing to incorporate itself could still retain the character, status, rights, powers and duties of a Branch; also as regards Minute 86 of the Representative Meeting for provision for Federal Councils of the Association overseas. Various questions specially affecting the Association in Australia were also dealt with.

Scholarships and Grants.

On the recommendation of the Science Committee the Council has made awards of science scholarships and grants for the year 1921–22. The Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Henry Albert Harris, M.B., B.S.Lond., B.Sc.Wales, for (*a*) an inquiry into the causes of congenital deformities, especially those due to disturbance of bone growth, and the relationship, if any, between such affections and antenatal interference with development; (*b*) an experimental inquiry into the factors which determine the modelling of the bones of the skeleton—for example, the alteration of normal stresses by section of certain nerves and the resultant changes in structure. Arthur Compton, M.B., B.Ch.R.U.I., D.Sc.N.U.I., was reappointed a research scholar for the third year, to continue his investigation of cellular enzymes (especially blood and tissue ferments), with special reference to the determination of general laws of action, with a view to ascertaining the part, if any, which those biochemical agents play, and the methods of controlling their activities—in such pathological processes as those met with in the problem of cancer and other diseases. Reginald St. A. Heathcote, M.A., M.D.Oxon., was reappointed a research scholar for a second year, in order that he may complete his research on squills, investigate the action on cryptopine, with special reference to its mydriatic action, and the action of camphor on the circulation. S. W. F. Underhill, M.B., B.Ch., M.A.Oxon., was also reappointed a research scholar for the second year, to investigate the concentration in blood and urine of certain urinary constituents, in order to ascertain if their concentration in the latter is in accordance with the modern theory of the functions of the kidney. Grants were renewed for a further year in two instances, and grants were made to six new applicants; the total amount distributed in grants was £290.

The Ministry of Health on Poor Law Administration.

The Ministry of Health has addressed to Poor Law authorities a circular drawing attention to the necessity for simplification of administrative work in the interests of economy. The following modifications of procedure are outlined for immediate adoption with a view to eliminating unnecessary correspondence between the Ministry and the authorities. In place of reference to the Ministry of each appointment, and each change in the remuneration for such an appointment, an annual statement is to be made on the prescribed form covering the remuneration proposed to be paid during the ensuing year to all officers whose salaries require sanction. The Minister will approve the payment of amounts not exceeding those scheduled, and salaries within these limits will then be payable without further reference to the Minister, notwithstanding any changes amongst the officers. Only in very special circumstances will the Minister be prepared to consider applications for variations, or the award of gratuities, except on this general review. The first of these returns is to be made by February, 1922. Meanwhile the approval of the Minister is to be assumed in the case of vacancies and consequent new appointments to offices. Any authority wishing to modify the general salary scheme now in operation before March, 1922, may make a return on the prescribed form at an earlier date. Whilst appointments may thus be made without the sanction of the Minister, the security of tenure of existing officers will not be affected. For example, it will not be competent for a Poor Law authority to dismiss a principal officer without the consent of the Minister. At the same time an order has been issued dispensing with the necessity for the sanction of the Minister in a number of minor matters. These include:

(*a*) The remuneration by the authority of fit persons appointed to act as temporary substitutes for officers prevented by sickness or accident from the performance of their duties.

(*b*) The payment of reasonable fees for operations performed by medical officers and for the services of anaesthetists.

(c) The appointment of a medical practitioner to be a district medical officer in a district in which he does not reside if no suitable medical practitioner resident in the district is willing to act at a reasonable remuneration.

Other simplifications are in connexion with contracts for purchases, matters in which the approval of the Minister will still be required, and the reference in the first instance to general inspectors of a number of questions of a routine nature. In the matter of contracts for purchases, the order extends the limit of expenditure, without special reference to the Minister, from £50 to £100. As regards cases in which the approval of the Minister is required, it is suggested that a yearly review of the position and a single application to the Ministry for approval of proposals for the coming year will save much correspondence. The circular and order will be fully considered by the Medico-Political Committee of the Association.

The Half-yearly Indexes.

The usual half-yearly indexes to the JOURNAL and to the SUPPLEMENT and EPITOME have been prepared and printed. They will, however, not be issued with all copies of the JOURNAL, but only to those readers who ask for them. Any member or subscriber who desires to have one or all of the indexes can obtain what he wants, post free, by sending a post-card notifying his desire to the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C.2.

INSURANCE.

INSURANCE ACTS COMMITTEE.

THE constitution of the Insurance Acts Committee for the session 1921–22 is as follows:

5 *Ex-officio* members (that is, President, Dr. David Drummond, Chairman of Council, Dr. R. A. Bolam; Chairman of Representative Body, Dr. R. Wallace Henry; Treasurer, Dr. G. E. Haslip; and the Chairman of the Conference, Dr. H. G. Dain, who holds office in that capacity until the termination of the forthcoming conference).

6 Elected by the members of the Representative Body of the Association: 1 for Scotland, Dr. R. W. Craig, Dalkeith; 1 for Ireland, Dr. J. Singleton Darling, Lurgan; and 4 for England and Wales, Dr. H. G. Dain, Birmingham; Dr. C. J. Palmer, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts; Dr. H. S. Beadles, West Ham; and Dr. Herbert Jones, Hereford.

18 Direct Representatives from Local Medical and Panel Committees (now to be elected), who need not necessarily be members of the British Medical Association.

1 Member of the staff of a voluntary hospital nominated by the Hospitals Committee of the Association.

1 Nominated by the Medical Women's Federation.

1 Nominated by the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

1 Nominated by the Poor Law Medical Officers' Association.

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Power is given to the above to co-opt as additional members such number, if any, of non-panel practitioners as shall be required to secure that four such practitioners shall be members of the Committee.

For the purposes of electing the 18 Direct Representatives England, Scotland, and Wales have been divided into 11 Groups. Nominations must be by Local Medical and Panel Committees as such, and must reach the Medical Secretary not later than first post on October 10th, 1921, and must be on form M.2, 1921–22.

On or about October 13th there will be issued to Honorary Secretaries of Local Medical and Panel Committees and Representatives at the October annual Conference—along with the Conference agenda—a list of candidates nominated for the various groups. Voting in those groups in which there is a contest will be by the individual members of the Local Medical and Panel Committees comprised in the groups. On October 20th (the date of the annual Conference) voting papers will be posted from the head office direct to each member of the Local Medical and Panel Committee in any group in which there is a contest. The voting will be carried out by means of the transferable vote system. All voting papers must be returned to the Medical Secretary by first post Friday, October 28th. Papers which arrive after that time will not be counted. On or about November 1st the successful candidates will be notified. The result of the election will be announced in the SUPPLEMENT of November 5th and by circular letter to secretaries of Local Medical and Panel Committees.

Scotland.

As regards the election of two Direct Representatives for Scotland on the Insurance Acts Committee, and of eight Direct Representatives on the Scottish Subcommittee, Local Medical and Panel Committee Secretaries in Scotland should have regard to the following:

(i) Nominations for the two representatives for the whole of Scotland on the Insurance Acts Committee may be made by any Local Medical or Panel Committee on nomination paper M.2;

(ii) Nominations for four representatives on the Scottish Subcommittee of the Insurance Acts Committee of County Panel Committees may be made by County Panel Committees only on nomination paper M.4;

(iii) Nominations for four representatives on the Scottish Subcommittee of the Insurance Acts Committee of Burgh Panel Committees may be made by Burgh Panel Committees only on nomination paper M.5.

The dates as to return, etc., of nomination and voting papers set out as above as regards England and Wales apply equally to Scotland. Voting papers will be issued from the head office, 429 Strand, if there are contests. The above procedure as regards Scotland has been adopted in order to save time and to get the new subcommittee into office at the same time as the new Insurance Acts Committee. The voting for members of the Insurance Acts Committee will first be conducted, and if any practitioner thus elected on the Committee is also nominated for election on the Subcommittee, his name will be removed from the list of candidates for the Subcommittee, as the Scottish members of the Insurance Acts Committee are *ex-officio* members of the Scottish Subcommittee.

OCTOBER CONFERENCE.

As stated above, the annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees has been fixed for Thursday, October 20th; it will be held at the Wesleyan Central Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.

Local Medical and Panel Committees of each insurance area are entitled jointly to appoint one representative for every 400 practitioners (or part of 400 above each completed 400) on the medical list of the area on January 1st, 1921. The necessary figures will be obtained by the Insurance Acts Committee, but in the meantime it is believed that the following are the only areas entitled to appoint more than one representative:

	No. of Representatives.
Essex	2
Kent	2
Lancashire	3
London	4
Surrey	2
Yorks (West Riding)	2
Middlesex	2

If any other Committee claims to appoint more than one representative the Medical Secretary should be informed at once.

COUNTY OF LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the London Panel Committee on July 24th five cases of alleged excessive prescribing of drugs and appliances were considered. In two cases the Committee found that there was general though not particular extravagance and recommended a surcharge. In two other cases the amounts ordered were regarded as not excessive, and in one case, although the opinion was that the drugs ordered were probably in excess of what was necessary, it was decided not to recommend surcharge but to communicate with the practitioner and suggest ways in which he might economize. The two sections of the Committee which consider individual prescriptions of high cost reported that they had considered prescriptions issued by over five hundred practitioners during one recent month, and had directed inquiry to be made in 141 cases. In two cases referred to the Committee by the Insurance Committee the practitioners were written to, and their reply was judged to be satisfactory and their prescriptions to have been justified in the exceptional circumstances. The Committee passed a resolution that in the interests of economy practitioners should be informed of the cost of the drugs and appliances ordered by them each quarter as compared with the average cost of the drugs ordered in their area. Under the present procedure, as laid down by the Ministry of Health, the Pricing Bureau is absolved from the necessity of supplying the Committee at the end of each quarter with the minimum statistical data, but must do so in respect of each year.

Post-Graduate Courses.

The recently concluded course of Post-Graduate Lecture Demonstrations in General Medicine at Charing Cross Hospital has proved so successful that the Panel Committee is arranging further courses during the coming autumn. The subject to be dealt with in any further course will depend upon the choice expressed by the majority of those joining, and will be either

General Medicine, General Surgery, or Midwifery and Gynaecology. If sufficient names are obtained, two or more courses may be arranged. The fee for either of the courses will be 3 guineas, payable in advance to the Secretary of the Panel Committee. Practitioners desirous of joining should notify the Secretary as soon as possible.

A course of ten Lecture Demonstrations on Clinical Pathology will be held in the Institute of Pathology, Charing Cross Hospital, during September, October, and November, 1921. A further course of Post-graduate teaching in Venereal Diseases, at St. Thomas Hospital, will be arranged to be held during September, October, and November, 1921. Fee for these courses, 3 guineas each.

The Panel Committee has arranged with the Metropolitan Asylums Board for two courses of Clinical Demonstrations in the Diagnosis of Fevers and Treatment of Diphtheria, to be held (1) at the South-Eastern Fever Hospital, Avonley Road, New Cross; (2) at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham, N.15. The courses will commence on or about September 29 h next, and will consist of six demonstrations with cases. Each class will consist of not more than twelve members. Those desirous of joining should make early application. The fee for each course will be £1 12s., payable in advance to the Secretary of the Panel Committee, Dr. R. J. Farman, Staple House, 51, Chancery Lane, W.C.2.

LONDON INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

AT the meeting of the London Insurance Committee, on July 26th, a report was received of an inquiry which had taken place into the conduct of an insurance practitioner against whom certain irregularities were alleged. In the course of a year, out of more than 1,900 prescriptions issued on behalf of this practitioner, only just over 300 were found to have been signed in his name, almost all the remainder being signed by a deputy for whose employment he had not sought the sanction of the Committee. This deputy had practically taken over the practice as a locumtenent, and the practitioner himself, who had not been in good health, came rarely to the surgery, and appeared only to attend to patients if he happened to be present when a call was received and the deputy was not available. On a closer examination, however, it was found that even of the prescriptions which purported to have been signed by him, the very large majority —225 out of 241 issued in five months—were in reality signed by an unqualified person, a lady who acted as his surgery attendant. This lady admitted that she wrote prescriptions for those patients who asked for "repeat" medicines. When a patient asked for medicine to be repeated she inquired whether the patient was feeling better, and if the answer was in the negative, she advised that the same medicine be continued; if the patient stated that he was feeling worse, she advised that the doctor be consulted. She stated that she used her discretion as to ordering "repeats," and that she could usually tell the condition of the patients by what they said or by their appearance. In a few cases, such as colds, she had herself prescribed for them on their first visit. The subcommittee charged with the investigation of the case came to the conclusion that the practitioner had not only failed to comply with the definite obligation imposed upon him to provide treatment personally, but had permitted an unqualified person to act for him in the provision of medical attendance and treatment. On these facts the Insurance Committee unanimously agreed that the continuance of this practitioner on the medical list would be prejudicial to the efficiency of the medical service, and that representations should be made to this effect to the Ministry of Health.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

SUFFOLK BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Suffolk Branch, to which the Norfolk members of the Association were invited, was held at Lowestoft on July 7th. Dr. TYSON (Lowestoft) was elected President; Mr. HINNELL (Bury St. Edmunds) President-elect. Mr. SAMPSON HANDLEY, M.S., read a paper on radium and its value and limitations in the treatment of malignant disease; and Sir HUMPHRY ROLLESTON, K.C.B., read a paper on some points in the diagnosis and treatment of gall-bladder disease. Lunch was served at the Royal Hotel by kind invitation of the President, and tea was provided by the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Tyson. Ladies were invited.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of the West Suffolk Division was held at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, on June 21st, when Dr. J. S. HINNELL, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The SECRETARY drew attention to the important paragraphs in the annual Report of Council, but as the Division had been unable to arrange for a deputy Representative at the Annual Representative Meeting, and therefore there was no representative to instruct, detailed discussion of the report was not undertaken.

The financial statement showed a deficit, and on the motion of Dr. TROTTER, seconded by Dr. BENNETT, it was decided to ask members, other than those retired from active practice, to make a voluntary contribution of 10s. per head to meet expenses not covered by the grants received.

The question of the inadequacy of fees paid to public vaccinators in some districts was discussed. It was decided to seek the advice of the Medical Secretary with a view to getting the fees raised and put on a uniform basis.

A vote of sympathy was accorded to Dr. Barwell, chairman of the Division, in reference to his recent illness.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Portsmouth, on Thursday, August 18th, at 2.45 p.m., when Dr. A. Mackeith will preside. Agenda: Annual report of Branch Council and financial statement. Election of officers for 1921-22. Presentation of the "Childe" cup to winner of golf competition, 1921. Induction of Dr. A. Bosworth Wright as president, who will deliver an address on "The State, the doctor, and the public." Tea will be provided by the President.

Correspondence.

Professional Secrecy.

SIR,—Dr. Ranken Lyle's suggestion in the SUPPLEMENT of July 30th, p. 91, has two advantages: It is a deterrent to those who meditate the commission of a crime, such as criminal abortion, and it is a safeguard for the medical practitioner called in to treat a case in which a crime has been committed. The drawback to it is the fact that it does away with professional secrecy in such cases as the doctor regards as criminal. In this respect it runs counter to the existing custom of the profession, which since the days of Hippocrates has jealously guarded the secrets of patients. It is true that the patient may be got to agree to the police being informed by the doctor that she has had a criminal operation performed upon her, if the doctor refuses to attend her unless she consents to his so doing. This, however, amounts to forcing, by a threat, the patient to agree to a breach of professional secrecy, and would be distasteful to many practitioners. The difficulty might be got over if the profession as a whole adopted Dr. Ranken Lyle's suggestion and made its decision public.—I am, etc.,

Belfast, Aug. 1st. JOHN CAMPBELL.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following notifications are announced by the Admiralty:

Surgeon Commanders J. M. Hayes to the *Caryafort*, A. G. Malcolm to the *Hecla*. Surgeon Lieutenants W. T. Hayden to the *Castor*, A. C. Esmonde to the *Dwarf*.

Surgeon Lieutenants P. H. S. Reid and A. W. Gunn have been promoted to the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenant A. H. Harkins has been entered as Surgeon Lieutenant for short service, and appointed to the *Victory*, additional, for a course at Haslar Hospital. Surgeon Lieutenant (temporary) G. B. Tarring to the *Vivid*, additional, as Supernumerary Medical Officer.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel P. MacKessack, D.S.O., retires on retired pay and is granted the rank of Colonel.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Tobin retires on retired pay.

The undermentioned Captains to be Majors: Brevet Major G. H. Dive, D.S.O., (temporary Major) L. C. Hayes, Brevet Major R. Gale, D.S.O., K. Comyn, Brevet Major F. R. Laing, (temporary Major) A. S. Cane, D.S.O., O.B.E., J. M. Weddell, (acting Major) A. P. O'Connor, M.C., T. H. Dickson, H. G. Robertson, O.B.E., H. V. Stanley, M.B.E., M.C., P. C. Field, R. M. Davies, E. C. Stoney, T. W. Stallybrass.

Captain D. G. Evans, from S.R., to be Captain (March 19th, 1918), but not to reckon for pay or allowances prior to October 1st, 1920, with precedence next below C. Armstrong (substituted for the notification in the *London Gazette* of October 20th, 1920).

Captain H. A. Philpot and G. C. Walker resign their commissions and retain the rank of Captain.

The following officers relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Major F. M. Rodgers, O.B.E., on ceasing to be employed at the Lord Derby War Hospital, and retains the rank of Major; Temporary Captain G. Marshall, and is granted the rank of Major; Temporary Captains and retain the rank of Captain: M. Ashley, P. P. Butler, J. Ash, J. Thompson, H. F. Stephens, J. C. Anderson, John Martin.

Lieutenant A. McD. Simson is seconded for service with the Egyptian Army.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of July 3rd, 1918, regarding Temporary Lieutenant Bertram Suggit is cancelled.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Squadron Leader W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., is granted a permanent commission in rank stated, with effect from October 1st, 1920, and with seniority August 1st, 1919, and to take precedence immediately above Squadron Leader W. W. Shorten (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, October 8th, 1920).

H. S. C. Starkey is granted a short service commission as a Flight Lieutenant, with effect from and with seniority of July 18th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieut.-Colonel E. Hasell-Wright, Civil Surgeon, Coorg, has been granted leave for seven months, with effect from April 8th.

Major E. C. C. Maunsell has been appointed to officiate as Civil Surgeon, Coorg.

The services of Major P. S. Mills have been placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bihar and Orissa from April 30th, 1921.

The undermentioned officers have been permitted to retire, with effect from the dates specified: Colonel C. R. M. Green, K.H.S. (March 28th); Lieut.-Colonels H. Smith, C.I.E. (March 18th), P. B. Haig, C.B. (March 16th), E. R. Parry (April 25th).

The services of Lieut.-Colonel C. H. James, C.I.E., have been replaced at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab, with effect from April 8th, 1921.

Lieut.-Colonel G. Tate, M.B., has been confirmed in the appointment of Professor of Midwifery, King Edward Medical College, Lahore, with effect from October 1st, 1920.

Lieut.-Colonel G. Tate, M.B., has been appointed to hold charge temporarily of the duties of Principal of the College, in addition to his own duties.

Captain S. M. Hepworth, M.B., has been appointed to officiate as Civil Surgeon, Simla (West).

The services of Major P. M. Rennie, M.B., D.P.H., have been placed at the disposal of the Government of the Central Provinces.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel (Honorary Surgeon Colonel) R. J. Reece, C.B. (Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery), and Surgeon-Major J. F. Taylor (Honourable Artillery Company), having reached the age limit, are retired, and retain their rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The following officers, having attained the age limit, are retired: Lieut.-Colonel J. M. Moir, and retains the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform: Major W. G. Sutcliffe, O.B.E., T.D., and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform. Majors A. Ehrmann, O.B.E., T.D., H. Duteh, T.D., and C. A. Morris, C.V.O., and retain the rank of Major with permission to wear the prescribed uniform; Major H. Meggitt, and retains the rank of Major; Captain T. S. Allan, and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel; Captain A. G. T. Hanker, and is granted the rank of Major; Captains and retain the rank of Captain: H. G. L. Allford, W. R. Murison, A. Ambrose, A. Macphail, J. F. Hall, J. K. Brownlees, G. Eustace, M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Jerman, T.D., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and retains the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Major H. W. Williams resigns his commission and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Major G. P. Chappel, T.D., resigns his commission and retains the rank of Major, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Captains P. T. Tolputt and W. S. Richardson to be Majors.

Captain T. S. Elliot, M.C., resigns his commission and is granted the rank of Major.

Captain and Brevet Major C. S. P. Hamilton, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., vacates the appointment of Adjutant, R.A.M.C. School of Instruction, Wessex Division (T.F.).

Captain A. C. Pearson, M.C., resigns his commission, and is granted the rank of Major.

Captain W. S. Sharpe, R.A.M.C., to be Adjutant of the R.A.M.C. School of Instruction, Wessex Division (T.F.).

Major W. Barclay, M.C. (late R.A.M.C.S.R.), to be Captain, with precedence as from April 1st, 1915, and relinquishes the rank of Major, and is seconded for service with the Edinburgh University O.T.C.

Captain J. Marshall, M.C. (late R.A.M.C.S.R.), to be Captain, with precedence as from September 6th, 1918.

Captain G. F. Hardy, M.C. (late R.A.M.C.), to be Captain, with precedence as from April 10th, 1919.

The following Captains resign their commissions and retain the rank of Captain: A. P. Phillips, H. Lightstone, D.S.O., M.C., W. A. Milne, H. A. Philpot, G. C. Walker, Captain W. S. Handley (3rd London General Hospital).

1st Eastern General Hospital.—Captain H. S. C. Starkey, O.B.E., resigns his commission and retains the rank of Captain.

2nd Western General Hospital.—The following officers, having attained the age limit, are retired: Lieut.-Colonel Sir William Thorburn, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., T.D., and is granted the rank of Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform. Lieut.-Colonel E. S. Reynolds, and retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Major A. Wilson, and is granted the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Major R. P. Wild, and retains the rank of Major. Major A. H. Burgess resigns his commission and retains the rank of Major.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major W. A. Wetwan, T.D., having attained the age limit, is retired and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

DEFENCE FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

The following temporary appointments are made:—*Assistant Directors of Medical Services:* Temporary Colonel E. P. Connolly, Defence Force, April 15th, 1921. *Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services:* Temporary Major R. Davidson, Defence Force, April 12th, 1921.

R.A.M.C.—Lieut.-Colonel P. Paget, T.D., to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel, with pay and allowances as Major.

Temporary Colonels E. V. Gostling, D.S.O., and F. W. Higgs, C.B.E., and Temporary Major P. McK. Terry, T.D., relinquish their temporary commissions.

The following relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Majors C. V. Bulstrode, D.S.O., T.D., J. C. S. Burkitt, A. Robertson, O.B.E., B. Addenbrooke; Temporary Captains H. Wilson, M.C., J. M. Chrystie, J. G. Morrin, W. Tresawna, T. P. Cole, J. F. Weston, L. C. Moore, A. C. H. McCullagh, D.S.O., and G. H. H. Waylin; Temporary Lieutenant P. Lloyd-Williams.

Temporary Captain R. M. Wilson relinquishes his commission, July 17th, 1921 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, June 14th, 1921, specifying date as April 19th, 1921).

Captain R. Davidson to be temporary Major.

To be temporary Lieutenant: Gurth Eager.

1st (London) Field Ambulance (D.F.).—Temporary Major E. Knight, O.B.E., relinquishes his commission.

2nd (London) Field Ambulance (D.F.).—Temporary Lieut.-Colonel H. G. L. Haynes relinquishes his commission; Temporary Captain W. Hassard relinquishes his commission, and retains the rank of Captain.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Daily, 10 a.m., Ward Visits; 2 p.m., In- and Out-patient Clinics and Operations. Mon., 12 noon, Dr. S. Pinchin: Diseases of the Heart; Tues., 2.30 p.m., Mr. Addison: Surgical Wards; Wed., 11.30 a.m., Mr. MacDonald: Cystoscopy; Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Gynaecological; Fri., 2 p.m., Dr. Pernet: Skin. *Lectures:* 4.30 p.m., Mon., Dr. Paterson: Enlargements of the Abdomen; Tues., Dr. Burnford: Clinical Medicine; Wed., Mr. Gibb: Ulceration of the Cornea; Thurs., Mr. MacDonald: Enlarged Prostate; Fri., Mr. Simmonds: Surgical Emergencies.

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AUGUST.

18 Thurs. Southern Branch: Annual Meeting, Town Hall, Portsmouth, 2.45 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

FALCONER, J. L., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Eng., Honorary Surgeon to the Bolton Infirmary.

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ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—The following house appointments have been made.—*Casualty Officers and Resident Anaesthetists:* H. L. Slaughter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D. McLean, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., H. L. Willey, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., K. H. Tallerman, M.C., M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F. A. Phillipps, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Cantab., E. M. Burrell, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., S. Hartley, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J. Spira, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Resident House-Physicians:* C. K. J. Hamilton, M.C., B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Oxon., E. D. Granger, M.B., B.S.Lond., A. D. Whitelaw, B.A.Cantab., G. A. Back, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Resident House-Physician (for Children):* G. M. Kendall, M.B. Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Resident House-Surgeons:* G. D. C. Tracy, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., P. T. Lang, M.A., B.Ch. Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M., S. H. G. Humfrey, B.A. Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F. V. Squires, B.A., M.B., B.Ch. Cantab. *Obstetric House-Physicians:* (*Senior*) W. A. Low, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (*Junior*) L. B. Maxwell, O.B.E., B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Cantab. *Ophthalmic House-Surgeon (Junior):* J. A. P. Shaw, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. *Clinical Assistant (Throat):* R. H. O. B. Robinson, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Cantab.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

CROWE.—At 26, The Tything, Worcester, on August 7th, the wife of H. Neville Crowe, M.D., Ch.B.—a daughter.

MACINTYRE.—On July 24th, at 55, Peel Street, Liverpool, the wife of H. R. Macintyre, M.D., D.P.H.—a son.

SINCLAIR.—On August 3rd, at 20, Riverview Gardens, S.W.13, the wife of Neil F. Sinclair, F.R.C.S.—a son.

MARRIAGES.

BULL—SPEDDING.—On the 4th August, at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, Leslie James Forman Bull, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bull, of Brook Cottage, Stanwell, Middlesex, to Muriel, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs. John Spedding, of 8, Langdale Road, Sefton Park, Liverpool.

CAMPBELL—LYLE.—At the Hotel Dalblair, Ayr, on 4th August, by the Rev. D. J. McLaren, M.A., Trinity Gask, David Campbell, M.C., M.A., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., to Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lyle, Kerse Schoolhouse, Patna, Ayrshire.

STALLYBRASS—DUNN.—On July 30th, at St. John's Church, Chelsea, Captain T. W. Stallybrass, M.B., R.A.M.C., and Eileen Cecilia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tregarthen Dunn, late of Llandaff.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—On July 23rd, 1921, at his residence, "Riversdale," Belper, Richard Grammer Allen, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Edin., in his 63th year.

CROSS.—On July 31st, at The Wood Hut, Fylingdales, Robin Hood's Bay, Euphemia Patricia Mackay, late Sister Accident, Guy's Hospital (1879), beloved wife of T. B. Cross, retired surgeon, of Scarborough and Fylingdales.

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